

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) A nutritionally complete pet food comprising an ingestible carrier having 1) at least one component selected from the group consisting of a probiotic lactic acid bacterium, or a culture supernatant of a probiotic lactic acid bacterium, and combinations thereof, present in an ingestible carrier in an amount of at least 10^5 cfu/g, 2) at least one yeast present ~~in the carrier~~ in an amount of at least 10^5 cfu/g, and 3) at least one synthetic or natural carotenoid with or without provitamin A activity present ~~in the carrier~~ in an amount of from about 10^{-12} % to 20% by weight.

Claims 10-48 (canceled)